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METHOD FOR ANALYZING IMPURITIES (COLOR CENTERS) OF FLUORIDE AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MATERIAL FOR GROWING SINGLE CRYSTAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.